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FOLKLORE AND LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

THE ALBERTA WRITERS' CONFERENCE

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3. Alberta Background Essay (Biographical, historical or descriptive, preferably under 2,000 words) ..... $30, $20, $10—$60

Contest for Class B will be from Dec. 1 to May 1, 1945, since this will enable the committee to try to get the best entries printed before the second Alberta Writers' Conference.

Mailing date for these entries will be from April 1 to May 1, 1945, and the mailing address will be: Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

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Rules:

1. The entrant's name, address, age, and grade, as well as the title of the entry are to be placed on a separate sheet attached to the manuscript. The manuscript is to have the **title only** and **page number** on **every** sheet.
2. Entrants are to use only **one** side of the page for typing or writing. **The above rules apply to Class B entries only.**
3. All entries will be judged on their quality rather than format. The judges will place emphasis on originality, naturalness, and simplicity.
4. Entrants should have the principal of the school or some other responsible person certify that entry is the student's own work.
5. All entries will become the property of the Alberta Writers' Conference, University of Alberta.

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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR ALBERTA SCHOOLS

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At a meeting of the Contest Committee held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 1944 in Edmonton at the home of Mrs. Gwen Ringwood the above name was chosen as a suitable one for publicizing this competition. Other points that were discussed and clarified are:

1. As the I.O.D.E. had promised Mr. Parker that they would contribute $330 to this competition it was decided to limit our budget to this amount for the 1944-45 competition. Full credit for sponsorship could thus be given to the I.O.D.E.

2. It was also thought best to ask the I.O.D.E. to handle the money and the issuing of the checks etc.

3. The set-up of the contest was arranged thus:

Class A for Grades I to XII

		Judge	Prize
1.	School Year Books	Mr. D. E. Cameron	$50
2.	School Newspaper, Magazine, or Periodical	Mr. C. F. Steele	50
3.	Rural School Paper (only1 and 2 room schools eligible)	Mr. Soars	50

The judges named above, and elsewhere, were considered the individuals most likely to be keen to encourage such creative work and to have the background, reputation, etc. which would set the competition standards high. Because of the problem of lack of finances for expense accounts etc. it was considered wise to have each class-subcontest judged by one person.
In Class A the editorial staffs will be given the award and asked to report back to this committee on how they spent their prizes (books, printing equipment, etc.)

Class B for Individual Students in Grades VII to XII incl.

1. Poetry, 6 prizes, Girls $15, $10, $5
   Boys $15, $10, $5.....$60
   Mrs. Ringwood will write E. K. Brown or A. J. M. Smith asking for help in adjudicating.
   By putting the boys in a prize-group of their own it is hoped more boys than otherwise will compete.
2. Short Story Dr. Salter $60
   There will be no definite word-limit but it will be suggested that entries be kept under 3000 words. Three prizes will be awarded, first $30, second $20, third $10.
3. Alberta Background Essay (biographical, historical, or descriptive). Mr. Gard will be asked to adjudicate. The awards and suggestions re length are similar to those in #2. $60

$ 330

4. Rules
It was felt that these should be kept to a minimum. Contest dates will be any work written from Dec. 1 to May 1 for Class B and mailing dates for one month only from April 1 to May 1 for this class.

Class A will be given an extra month because year books etc. come out late in the spring and because the committee will want to make copies of ClassB awards only. Class A mailing dates will be from May 1 to June 1. A post-office box was considered the best place to receive all the entries.

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5. Mrs. Ringwood promised to look after the newspaper and radio publicity, Mr. Parker will contact the A.T.A. for publicity; and Miss Frost, the judges. Miss Frost was also asked to find out if Dr. Newlands and Dr. Swift would give the contest publicity among the supervisors and inspectors.

It was decided to have all these contacts made before December 1 so that the contest could really get a good start then. Further publicity after Christmas was considered advisable e.g. speaker at the A.T.A. general meeting.

At 3:15 the meeting adjourned so Mr. Parker and Miss Frost could keep their interview with Mrs. Marshall, President of the Provincial Chapter I.O.D.E. Mrs. Ringwood and Miss Montgomery had both been asked to attend the Contest Committee meeting as they are both on the other Alberta Writers' Conference Committee, and in the absence of Mr. Soars the other two committee members sought other help. Miss Montgomery was unable to attend but Mrs. Ringwood's help was certainly appreciated.

Meeting with Mrs. R. C. Marshall and Mrs. T.W. Cogland, Educational Secretary, 437 Tegler Building.

Mrs. Marshall explained why the I.O.D.E. had been so quickly receptive of this competition-sponsorship. Their organization felt the need of doing some educational work for the public schools in Alberta and up-to-now most of their efforts have been spent helping high-school graduates continue their studies. Provincial Chapter money will be used. Mrs. Marshall took June 1 as the date when the cheques will be issued. She also showed us a certificate which the I.O.D.E. gives to their scholarship or prize winners and she suggested that if we thought such suitable they could be used. Mrs. Marshal mentioned that often when local girls win some provincial I.O.D.E. award local chapters make special presentations. We agreed that such extra gestures were worthwhile as they would be a start toward community participation in the contest.

Before Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Cogland had heard how the committeed planned to have the entries judged they suggested an I.O.D.E. member sit on such committees. When we explained that it seemed best this year to get the judging in each of the 6 classes done by one qualified person they were quite agreeable. They also asked that Mrs. Marshall be asked to attend any future meetings of the Contest Committee. We agreed. We promised to send the I.O.D.E. office a list of the above competition set-up. Mrs. Marshall showed us the publicity already given the competition in the provincial I.O.D.E. newsletter. She also implied that "Echoes" their Dominion paper would carry more publicity.

It would seem that if this year's contest is a real success the I.O.D.E. may be very willing to help expand the idea.

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1. Poetry:

Title	Entrant's Name	B	G	Age	Grade	Address
The Wind, Autumn, March	Connie Rees		1	16	9	Bragg Creek
Winter Weather, Glistening Cross	- Pat Stearne		2	13	7	" "
Spring, March, Nov., Feb., Dec.	- Gene Fullerton	1		14	9	" "
The Birth of Jesus, Feb.	Jim Fullerton		2	15	9	" "
Nov., New Year, March	" "					
Spring	John Mitchell	3		12	7	" "
Home, March	Kenneth Sturgeon	4		13	8	" "
In the Shipyards	June Davidson		3	16	9	Whitelaw,
Mud	Cecelia Przybylski		4	18	10	"
The Rear Gunner's Good-Bye	Margaret Vasrude		5	17	10	"
War Welder	Shirley Davidson		6	15	9	"
Lessons	Mary Burns		7	13	8	"
My Pony	Beatrice Ross		8	15	9	"
Missouri Mike	Christina Measham		9	16	10	"
The Northern Nurse	Irene Ludescher		10	14	9	"
The Indian	Leo Martin Sheehan	5		17	11	"
When Its Springtime in Peace River	Martin Kobasa	6		18	11	"
The Witch	Arthur Smith	7		15	9	"
Child of the Storm	Nora Radke		11	16	11	May Lakes
Suppose	Pauline Lema		12	13	7	R.R.1, St. Albert
A Leader	Agnes Smith		13	16	11	Nanton
Spring Reverie	William Yule	8		16	11	Nanton
Spring, Alberta	Doris Anderson		14	12	7	1004 8th St. N., Leth.
To Those Who Fell	Shirley Morris		15	13	8	538 12 St. N.N. ,"
Bob Grunewald--The Story of a Tree		9		13	8	239 12 St. B.N., "
The Pine Tree	Donald Jackson	10		13	8	1512 4 Ave. N., "
	(All these are from Westminster School)					
Road of Life	Margaret Verbitsky		16	17	10	Warspite
School	Cecilia Hellum		17	14	9	"
Alberta, Land of the Free	Jeenie MacDonald		18	14	9	"
Spring Is Here	Mary Tomkew		19	13	9	"
Twilight, Free at Last, Will We?	Anne Bartholow		20			Sundre
Spring	John Carson	11		12	7	Warspite
What Do We Want, A Friend	Winifred G. Thorogood		21	16	11	Strathcona High
Flowers	Edna Coulson		22	12	7	Waskatenau
Proof of Spring	Kenneth Parker	12		12	7	"
Missing You	Lily Dremeski		23	14	8	Warspite
God Knows, Palm	Sylvianne Hebert		24	13	8	R.R.1, St. Albert
Egypt	Joan Grue		25	15	7	Rolling Hills
Spring, The Seasons, Evening	Walter Skiba	13				Prosperity
The Magic of Spring	Bernice Lyken		26	15	8	Westerose (Pigeon Valley West)
Announcing Spring	Warren Pentland	14		13	9	Fairview
Spring in Alberta	Peter Onyschuk	15		15	9	Warspite
Spri ng in Alberta	Isobel Olynyk		27		9	"
Alberta	Adine Jakubiak		28	14	9	"
Who Comes with Spring	Clarence Boese	16		14	8	Swalwell (Linden)
Next Year	Joan Jackson		29	17	12	230 8th Ave. N.W. Calgary, (Central H.S.)

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1. Poetry (cont.):

Title	Entrant's Name	B	G	Age	Grade	Address
The Clouds, Sad but True, On the Trail	Phyllis Davidson		30	18	12	Box 15, Sundre
The Meadow Lark, Alberta	Kenneth Buchanan	17		17	9	Islay (Kenilworth)
Canada, Sad Winds, Have You Lived Life to the Full?	Frances Ross		31	19	12	Sundre High School
	Natalie Schueter		32	16	9	St. Albert
	Della Schueler		33	14	8	St. Albert
Alberta	Harry Kiyooka	18			11	
In Time of the San Francisco Conference	Dorothy Patterson		34	17	12	Grand Prairie H.S.
What Price Victory?	Roy R. Kenchtel	19		17	12	(St. Joseph's) Box 202, Grande Prairie
Beautiful Alberta	Ethel Snippa				9	Peace River
Settlers of Alberta	Evelyn Brughton			15	9	" "
A Boy's Memory of Their Majesties	Dolores Crawford		38	18	11	Box 283, Peace River
Home	Winifred M. Cox		39	14	12	North Star
Pioneers	Audrey Curtis		40		9	Peace River High
Something !	Angela Bouras		41	15	9 11	" " "
On the Trail	Dorothy Iverson		42		9	" " "
The Coming to the Peace River Country	Anna Perkins		43		9	" " " Judah, Alberta

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Gardens of the North

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2. Short Story:

Title	Entrant's Name	Age	Grade	Address
I Was at Conrigidor	Peggy Somerville	14	9	McKay Ave. School
Old Stick in the Mud	John Mitchell	12	7	Bragg Creek
The Tramps	Pat Stearne	13	7	" "
Death of Old Job	Jim Fullerton	15	9	" "
Tale of an Old Pioneer	T. C. Gordon	19	12	Chauvin (Alberta College)
Gabby's Wild Bull	Eunice M. Stone	16	12	Alberta College
Saturday Night in Muddy Valley	Jean H. Fowlie	19	12	Alberta College
An Heroic Dog	James Hanna	14	8	Islay (Kenilworth School)
One Day's Adventures	Arthur J. Waterfield	12	8	" " "
What the Mirror Saw	Aletha Bray	12	7	Whitelaw (
Unwanted Pet	Patricia Sheehan	13	7	#
No Gasoline	Anne Feniak	13	7	"
The Ghost Trail	Shirley Davidson	15	9	"
Seeing Life from Look-Out Point	Helen Bodnaruk	16	9	"
Jungle Fighter of the Deep	Irene Ludescher	14	9	"
Toby the Terrible	David Kobasa	15	9	"
Sylvia Becomes a Star	Eileen Fox	13	8	"
Space Unlimited	Joan Trider	14	8	"
Jungle Junction	Ruth A. Milton	16	12	Peace River
My Hero	Sylvianne Hebert	13	8	R.R. 1, St. Albert
It's Fun to Cooperate	Mary A. Campbell	15	9	Grande Prairie
Kindness Pays	Madeline Bramley	17	11	Rockyford
Muffin, A True Story	Nita Harrison	14	11	Peace River
The Bracelet	Fusako Takeda	17	12	Rosemary
Pal O' Mine	Winifred G. Thorogood	16	11	Strathcona High
Randy's Choice	Winifred "			" "
A Laugh at Dad	Emmaline Thomsen	12	6	Huallen (Aspen Dale Schod
I Knew I'd Find You	Olga Stierle	12	8	" "
Yet a Million Dollar Baby Would Have Died	Ivy Willsey	13	6	"
Make Sure He's Dead	Louise Willsey	14	8	"
The Rescue	Ellen Hopkins	15	9	R. R. 1, Stony Plain (Holborn School)
Detective Tex	Ruth Parsons	15	9	Cherry Grove
The Unexpected Visitor	Winnie Jensen	16	9	Cherry Grove
Together at Last	Marjorie Lokke	18	12	Fort Kent
The Sea is Your Tomb	Gertrude Holseth	17	12	Fort Kent
The Harvest Moon	Michael Senych	18	12	Redwater (Ufford High)
The Horrible Tie	Alice Jensen	13	7	Villeneuve
A Month of Heaven	Nora Radke	16	11	Hay Lakes
Gran'pap's Story	John Hawrelko	17	11	Opal
The Mountain-Dew				
Sentimentalist	Agnes Smith	16	11	Nanton
Bitter Sweet	Vera Christina Blakley	18	12	Irma
	Margery E. Amdam	18	12	Vilna High School
Sacrifice	Marian Frinskie	14	8	Warspite
Seeking Adventure	Walter Regehr	14	8	Swalwell
Pal, My Pal	Wilma Roberts	12	8	Leedale (Faraway)

are these stories?

Life up to Peace River ca in 1893
Raymond Bourassa IX 15
Peace River

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5. Alberta Background Essay:

Title	Entrant's Name	Age	Grade	Address
A Description of Alberta	Nettie Bura	14	7	Styal (Holly Springs)
On a Day Well Spent in "	Phyllis Davidson			Box 15, Sundre
Banff the Beautiful	Lois Christianson	13	8	452 20 St. N., Lethbridge
Spring in Alberta	Jorgen Hansen	16	10	Warspite
Fair Province of Canada	Mary Meluychuk	14	9	"
Nature Hobbies in Alberta	Vincent E. Eriksson	13	8	Czar
On Jasper National Park	Joseph E. Bryant	17	12	Jasper (Alberta College)
The World is Too Much With Us	Norma A. Wansness	19	12	(Alberta College)
Look to the North	Barbara Lukashenko	20	10	Battle River Hospital, Crimshaw (Buchanan Creek School)
Alberta, Jewel of the Prairies	Roy R. Knechtel	17	12	Box 202, Grande Prairie (St. Joseph's School)
Father Albert Lacombe	Eileen Augur	14	7	" ", Grande Prairie
The Story of Kenilworth	Verna Buchanan	12	8	Islay (Kenilworth School)
Our Koknee Farm	Betty Coulton	14	7	" "
A C.N.R. Bridge	Kenneth Buchanan	17	9	" "
Jasper National Park	Robert Bezborodka	15	9	Radway
Opening of the West	Edward Cholowski	15	9	"
Spring	Lois Clark	12	7	Waskatenau
Hidden Wealth of the North	John Bizuk	14	7	Thorhild
Nature's Retreat	Shirley Rose Nelson	14	8	Comrey
Sundre	Elaine Parker	17	12	Waskatenau
Neighbours and Homesteads	Herta Schultz	12	8	Huallen
Interesting Places	Lydia Thomsen	15	8	Huallen
The Alaska Military Highway	Frances Ross	19	12	Sundre
On Alberta	" "			(St. Joe's
Just - Alberta	Anna Reinelt	17	9	Box 169, Grande Prairie /1
Pioneer Woman	Dorothy Patterson	17	12	Grande Prairie H.S.
A Story of the Pioneers of the Sturgeon River District	Muriel M. Pearse	15	11	R.R.4, Box 36, Edmonton
History of the United Farmers of Alberta	Elizabeth Wilkinson	16	11	R.R.6, N. Edmonton
Biography of Wm Aberhart	Sally Zahary	16	11	Namao
Dawson Creek Boom	Arthur Smith	15	9	~~Dawson~~ Whitelaw
Calling Lake	June Davidson	16	9	Whitelaw
Lumbering in Alberta	David Kobasa	15	9	Whitelaw
Silver Gash	Leo Martin Sheehan	17	11	Whitelaw
Water Power	Martin Kobasa	18	11	Whitelaw
History of Our District	Barbara Davis	17	10	Whitelaw
Cecil Edward Denny	Fred Standing	12	7	1401 4th Ave. N., Lethbrig
The C.P.R.	Enola McCuaig	12	7	522 15th St. N., Lethbridge
The Story of Lethbridge	Dorothy Jarvie	13	7	445 19 St., N., "
The Old West	Bob Bannard	13	7	314 15 St. N., "
The Youth of Lethbridge	Shirley Gowin	14	7	1814 1st Ave., A.N., "
The Story of Lethbridge	Ronald Bissett	13	7	419 12th St. B. North, "
Cecil Edward Denny	Norman Nayha	13	7	516 21 St. N., "
Mining in Lethbridge	Diane Ward	12	7	1326 4th Ave. N. "
An Old Time Visit to Lethbridge	(All these from Westminster School) Tom Davies	12	7	133 14th St. N.
Alberta	Pamelia Hunter	17	12	Box 189, Grande Prairie (HS
Alberta - I Am Proud of You	Lawrence Moon	17	12	Grande Prairie High School
Alberta's Biological Background	Joan Margaret Holt	13	7	Rolling Hills

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3. Alberta Background Essay (cont.):

Title	Entrant's Name	Age	Grade	Address
(Biographical)	Stanley M. Lykstra	18	12	Vilna
Alberta Bows to Science	Kazie Siluck	19	12	Grande Prairie H.S.
And Its Waters Shall Be Called the Waters of Peace	Bob Knight	15	8	" " Intermediate
Banff School of Fine Arts	Joseph G. Meleshka		11	Box 9, Radway
Provinces of Canada	Idell Hatch	18	9	Cherry Grove (Cherry Spring School)
Lumbering	Norman Hellum	13	7	Warspite
Alberta, Land to Love	Lovise W. Marchant	17	12	9305 95th St., Edmonton
The World of Today	Joyce Blair	14		McDougall Commercial Consort (Whitton)
Athabaska - Artery of the North	Margaret Young		12	Barrhead

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~~The Garden of the North~~ ~~Raymond Bourassa~~ ~~Grade 8 Atkins~~ ~~15 IX Peace River~~ ~~15 IX " "~~

A Boy's Memory of Their Majesties	Dolores Crawford	16	11	Box 283, Peace River
Home	Winifred M. Cox	14	12	North Star, Alberta
Pioneers	Audrey Currie		9	Peace River High
Something !	Angela Bourassa	18	11	" " "
On the Trail	Dorothy Iverson	12	9	" " "
The Coming to the Peace River Country	Anna Perkins		9	" " "
				Judah, Alberta
Peace River	Lois Fox	14	11	Peace River
The Starving Northland	Doreen Keppler	16	11	" "

Poet.

TEACHERS WHOSE STUDENTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMPETITION

Elizabeth Mehrer, Bragg Creek
Cloe Day (Mrs.), Principal Whitelaw High School, Whitelaw
C. K. Radke, Hay Lakes
Mary Frances, Nanton High School, Nanton (286 11A St. N.W., Calgary)
Mrs. J. Palmer, Westminster School, Lethbridge
George Meronyk, Warspite High School, Warspite, Alberta
Mary V. Jackson, Westerose, School--Pigeon Valley West
H. Gushta, Warspite
George Robertson, Strathcona High School, Edmonton
William Parker, Waskatenau
Mrs. H. Parker, Waskatenau
S. M. McLean, Principal Linden School, Swalwell (Stanley M.)
Florence S. Todd, Central High School, Calgary
Julia Daeley (Mrs.), Kenilworth School No. 5892, Islay
Elma Cumberland, Faraway School, Leedale
J. E. Gander, Alberta College (11042 114th St.) (J. Ernest)
Martha Eggenberger(Mrs.), Whitelaw
Harold W. Blackmore, Rosemary Consolidated S.D. No. 71, Rosemary
Winonan H. Young, Huallen
Margaret Armbruster, Holborn School, Stony Plain
J. Stanley Reeds, Principal Irma Rural High School, Irma
Etha MacAulay, Whitton S. D., No. 3028
Wilma Wismer, Westminster School, Lethbridge (1230 5th Ave. S.)
L. C. Eriksson (Miss), Czar
Phyllis Mercer, Buchanan Creek School, Battle River Hospital, Grimshaw
Earl Garlough, McDougall Commercial High School, Edmonton
Elsie R. Nelson, Comrey School, Comrey
J. T. Bullock, Principal Vilna School, Vilna
F. I. Brenenstuhl (Mrs.), Holly Springs S. D., Styal

Dear Norman Soars:

Here is a copy of the report on the Contest. I wonder whether you would look it over, add your comments: comments already submitted have been: separate entry slip with specific information regarding entrant, a committee member in various communities to help plug the idea, and some specicific information sent around (probably made up by members of the Conference) as to what a short story is, what an essay is, etc.

The winners in the various classes are:

Short Story: 1. Winifred Thorogood, age 16, Strathcona High School, Edmonton
2. The Tale of an Old Pioneer, T. C. Gordon, Alberta College, Edmonton age 19
3. Shirley Davidson, Whitelaw. age 15

Essay: age 17 1. Alberta, I am Proud of You, Lawrence Moon, Grande Prairie.
" 16 2. Calling Lake, June Davidson, Whitelaw
" 17 3. Alberta, Land to Love, Louise Marchant, Edmonton.

Poems: girls
Next Year, age 17 Joan Jackson, Calgary Central High School
" 14 2. The Northern Nurse, Irene Ludescher, Whitelaw
" 15 3. The Garden of the North, Jeanie Atkins, Peace River.

Boys
age 17 1. The Pine Tree, Donald Jackson, Westminister School, Lethbridge
" 18 2. When it's Springtime in Peace River, Martin Kobasa, Whitelaw
" 17 3. What Price Victory, Roy Kenchtel, St. Joseph's School Grande Prairie.

Yearbooks....(Not yet judged)

Please read this stuff and pass it along as fast as possible to William Parker, Waskateneau. Ask him to ship it back to us.

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I The Pine Tree (1)

The only lyric in the collection. The theme is completed very neatly. There is a feeling for phrasing and rhythm.

II Spring Time in Peace River (12)

Halting as to rhythm but has the mood of "next year's country" with a humorous twist that may be original.

III What Price Victory? (31)

Pretentious and mannered; it may be imitative. But technically it is fairly correct except for some unexplained elisions. Students would be well-advised to write from direct experience and to limit themselves to what they know.

Girls I High Gear (40)

- a long poem with the mood sustained throughout. I e - writer seems to have experienced this either in reality or in imagination.

Simple verse form and regular rhythm suitable to the narrative. Movement is smooth and carries along from verse to verse working to a good climax as the storm crashes.

occasional telling phrases:

"roads shuttled with despair"
"clocks limp from the heat"

II The Northern Nurse (50)

narrative poem with neat climax and ending. Detail suggests some knowledge. Movement is light, almost facetious in spite of occasional limping lines.

Stanza 6 is ambiguous.

Rand (46)

III Rhythm is uncertain and phrasing is commonplace but effect is bright and amusing.

or March (55)

Simple and unpretentious it describes an Alberta March instead of giving a derivative description

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The Conference had two aims. The first was the collection of Alberta materials such as might be useful to creative writers; and the second was to aid Alberta writers in general, and to specifically encourage the use of Alberta themes and subjects.

The Creative Writing Competition for Alberta Schools is one direct result of the Conference meeting, and this competition for younger writers seems especially important.

The funds for the prizes were donated by the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, and for their generous co-operation the Conference is particularly grateful.

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Class A—For Grades I to XII:

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2. School Newspaper, Magazine, or Periodical ..... Prize $50
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